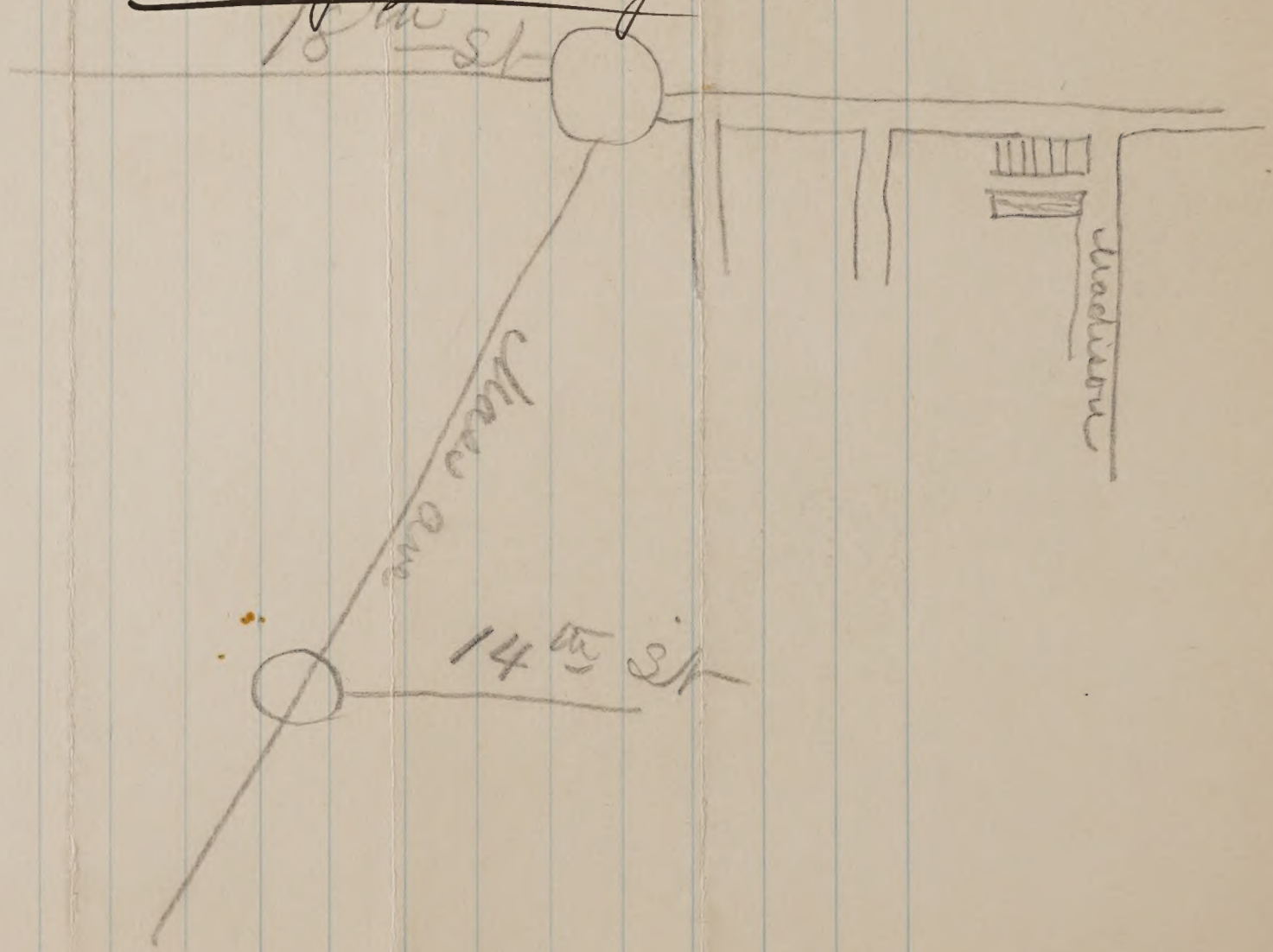
B. F. Tracy
~~Trac~~
Secretary of the Navy

Sir,

To secure the more efficient execution of the laws — to extend the influence of the government — to facilitate the taking of the 11th Census — and to ~~to~~ gather ~~the~~ more reliable and later information from Alaska as the basis of further legislation by Congress, we respectfully ask that the U.S.S. Thetis or some other suitable vessel of the Navy may be detailed to ~~Cruize~~ convey the Governor and such others of the government officials in Alaska as the public service may require, together with the Special Agent of the Census Office, to all the principal settlements on the Coast of Alaska.

Sheldon Jackson

Copy of Senate
Petition to the
Hon B. F. Tracey
Secretary of the Navy



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H. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir.

It may be as great a relief to you as it is a disappointment to me to learn that owing to the uncertainty of your movements with regard to filling your engagement on the 6th of March in Canada. I thought it was and had to

make sure of a speaker.
Dr Chas. Thompson - a
personal friend of mine
has kindly consented
to take your place that
day. And I trust you
will permit me to lend
you in receiving a ~~[illegible]~~
more favorable to your
physical condition.

With many thanks
for your kind acquiescence
to my wishes in the
matter - and with the
hope you are steadily
improving in health

I am yours cordially for the cause.
Rev. J. Newlands Reed
125 Clarkson St.
Montclair N.J.

Cor. Sec. Church Com. &c.

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Rev. J. Tunstall Ford
126 Church St. - Dr.
Montreal Que.
Cor. Sec. Synod Rev. etc.

State Normal School,

A. J. DAVIS, A. M., Principal.

Clarion, Pa., 189

Private and Confidential

If, in the national election of 1892, Cleveland should be declared our next President, I expect to ask for the appointment as Governor of Alaska.

I write you this early in order that you may arrange your affairs so as to come to Clarion and have our people interest themselves for me in time to make their efforts tell.

If this does not meet your approbation I feel that you will be frank in

advising me to that effect.

If You will still continue to interest yourself in the educational affairs of Alaska, I think we could work together in harmony and with an eye single to the best interests of the territory.

I have a pleasant position here, and can keep it as long as I wish to stay, inasmuch as I created the school. The trustees have concluded to build me a beautiful home, and I suppose I ought to be contented; but I would like to revisit Alaska in the capacity of Chief Magistrate. It looks to me as though politics will change again, and if my impression is correct I want to be prepared for the change.

Yours truly. A. L. Davis

Howkan Alaska
Jan. 1st 1896.

Judge Skeakley:-

Happy New-year- Last year when Dr. Jackson went East he requested to send my reports to you. And as he wrote me nothing on the subject this year I send them to you, and you will please attend to them. School is prospering- I have not so many large ones as usual.

but have a house full of smaller ones, which is harder but more encouraging.

Wishing you and your family a prosperous and happy New Year - I am respectfully

Clara A Gowell

Jan 8 1898

Dear Boston

The enclosed letter will explain its self. the Hancock mail came just in time to catch the mail over the Elkhorn. All Reports on Ranchers Coming to me I will forward to you immediately

Yours truly Jas Shewkey

Ack Jan 21. 90

Metlakahtla Alaska
3 Jan.y 1890

Dear Dr. Jackson

Your very interesting letter written at Loring came to hand in due course – a very unusual experience with us in Mail Matters.

I had already written & forwarded to Sitka my School Reports with, I think, other two letters which I am sorry to find you have not received.

I am very much obliged to you for offering to undertake some matters of business for us in Washington and I wish I could sit down to write you to night on the subjects you have named. This is, however, as you know, our very busiest time attending to village affairs – all our people being at home. And as I am conducting our Day School myself – my strength is so fully taxed – I must let this Mail go by.

The Matters you mention in your letter are the very ones I was intending to write about to Washington – at first opportunity. And I am extremely glad to have your kind offer which I hope to avail myself of by the next Mail

I am sorry to say I have but one voucher left - and as this would be no use alone I will ask you kindly to forward me some from Washington which I will return signed & send you the receipt of the Steamship Company at the same time.

I am sorry to have the J. Eaton is leaving the School sick. His father leaves here in the morning with a view to meet Human & Jorgan at Sitka.

The news you give us about the action of the Indian Agent is quite alarming. If our people are deprived of our law this I cannot tell what in the world they will do. They certainly can never afford to build their houses with imported lumber.

On arrival of last Elder (last Sunday night) I received a letter from the Purser of the U.S. Marshals & which should have been handed to me three weeks ago. It called for a number of witnesses to proceed to Juneau and be there by 8th inst. As several of the witnesses are at Jorgans - it was of course impossible to obey the orders

within the time. The Dardanelles expedition has been delayed on the road some days since expedition with men & food expected for want of proper Mail communication.

Details of it generally – The Steamer here in the harbor with our Mail Matter, but directed to Loring – 35 Miles off.. & so we ~~cannot~~ unable to get it. When it with time to hand we cannot return as I cannot afford at this time of the year to hire expense of sending Canoe ~~[illegible]~~ 70 Miles of travel for the letters.– We shall therefore have to wait for a chance canoe to come along with them. I suppose we have at least ten times the amount of Mail Matter to forward than this town or Loring, and besides being communication with Government on Matters of public importance, – and yet Loring can be served with the Mail which is 20 Miles off the Steamer route, & we are denied it, which is 12½ Miles off the route. The question, however, will probably be settled in the course of a short time, as we have a Remedy.

You will be glad to learn that we are receiving accession to our settlement — not only from B.C., but also from the Longitude Cape Fox — Canoes of Q. Charlotte Haydahs. Nine men with their respective families have joined in this week. Other tribes come and go as they are settled down.

We have powerful interesting speeches from the orators in New Tsimpsean as they have been assembled for a talk. I fear you will be wearied to death by this out-pouring hurried scribble — I hope to write you again more fully.

Yours very faithfully

W Duncan

White Lake Jan 3 189[illegible]

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I have no personal acquaintance with you, but have known you for several years by reputation and think it probable you have heard my name mentioned by the Missionaries at Wrangel or through my Brother J. C. Calbreath

I have just received a letter in which he spoke of you in connection with Alaskan affairs And thus it is I take the liberty of addressing you for the purpose of inlisting your aid in procuring me a government position on the Alaskan Coast. Now I am aware that such a request from a Stranger, seemingly is flavored with presumption, Yet it has a different appearance when the facts are known which I will mention as briefly as possible

I am a resident of the vicinity of Wrangel four years, and was familiar with the troubles of the missionaries, the terrible evils and the brutal treatment of the Indian women especially the young Girls

I was as strong an opponent of such evils as Mr & Mrs Young or Mr McFarland Consequently the Saloon Element were not my friends

And this was why Mr and Mrs Young wrote to President Cleveland to have me appointed Commissioner. I made the application and it was endorsed by the Governor of Alaska, three United States Senators, and Chief Justice of the United States, M R Waite.

It was of no avail. Secretary Lamar hunted up my political record which overbalanced all other considerations As it was found that I was then, and always had been, a Strong Republican and this was the only reason why I was not appointed.

The Collector of Alaska occupies a position to surpress a larg amount of evil and it seems strange that the present Administration could not find a Temperance man to look after the Smuggling of whiskey. Such a man could be found, if he could get the appointment, that would work harmoniously with the Christian Element, and in accordance with Christian principles.

If I have not been misinformed the present Collector is not the man to work harmoniously with the department of Education, the temperance department, nor with Christian principles

I understand that the Appointment has not been Confirmed, And it occured to me that, as I was in Alaska several years, and gave the cause you have so long espoused a respectful consideration in opposition to the Saloon Element and the gambling fraternity, that it would not be presumption on my part to

write you a letter and solicit your influence, and inquire of you what has been done regarding the position, as I suppose you are cognizant of all matters pertaining to Alaska

Respectfully

J. F. Callbreath
White Lake
Sullivan Co.
N. Y.

Indian Training School
Sitka Alaska

Jan. 4, 1870.

A. Shelton Jackson
My Dear Sir,—

Yours of Dec. 21st. from Juneau at hand. I found the rifles here at the bell tower. I did not find any rubber coat in the rooms.

We had a pleasant time during the holidays. It is freezing cold here now.

Some of our boys carried the steamer. I think they will do very well but have not tried them yet.

Officials all conform to what is collector Pratt. Whisky is a cheap poison readily made, but very easy to be had, here at Juneau and Wrangell. You know his deputies are, nearly all drinking men, the Juneau and the Marshall are by no the best men

Of course I have seen but little of the new judge and District Atty but with the [illegible] they are not [illegible] [illegible] Of course I speak, since [illegible] I think they will be friendly to me as our [illegible]. At least will let me alone.

We miss you all very much. I think you would find cool weather, but hope you have reached your destination safely. With kind remembrance to Mrs. Jackson [illegible] Mrs. Isaac Newman

Yours Truly

Wm A. Kelly

Please go to Agricultural Department & buy all the flower & vegetable seeds that they will let you select & Should like grass seed too.

United States Land Office,

Sitka Alaska

Jan. 4th, 1889.

My dear Dr. Jackson

Yours of Dec. 23rd at hand. It enclosed a check for 11$ to settle Mrs. Spechacher's claim

I shall see Jake about the bracelet after the Steamer leaves & try & have him get them ready for the next mail.

The Leed has returned & I have made inquiry about that coal. Mr. Dickson says that the teacher did not want it at the Treadwell wharf but on the beach at Douglas City. The weather was so bad that they could not deliver it there in small boats. I am sorry that there has been any trouble about this lot of coal. Mr. Moore may have demanded a service which they could not render at the time & they did the next best thing by landing the coal on the wharf at Juneau. I shall inquire more particularly

nearly of Mr. Behrends by this mail.
The topic most talked about is the sale of nearly all the liquor which was seized by Pracht On New Year's Eve Judge Bugbee, U.S. Dist. Atty Johnson, Clerk Hayden, the Ward room mess of the Pinta, Capt. Jarenholt, bought all of the seized liquor that they wanted taking the best brands of course & at a very nominal figure. The next morning some people from town bought liquor Weittenhiller about 130 bottles & Whitford 15 bottles. Now you can imagine how people feel & what a roar this freak of Pracht's will stir. Yes the Capt. of Marines purchased largely. The Gov. Marshal & Mr. Lee I believe had nothing to do with it. The liquor which Pracht seized from Nelsons & more was stolen from the seizure room while Pracht was away. This has been kept very quiet for I heard of it only two days ago. The team of mares with foal arrived on Elder. Mr. Kelly is well pleased. I think Mr. Brawley has taken great care to select a good gentle team. Mr. A. reads us a sermon on Sabbaths. We had Calsen cut the seats & fix them on the sides. The aisle is large but the appearance is better. We shall run the stone pipe clear to the back & try the stone there. I hope you do not favor the idea of cutting settlers down to 20 acres of land. This would be unjust to those of us who have waited so long for the extension of the land laws. If you can secure me a copy of Lt. Allen's report please do so. Has Lt. Stoney report been published? Weather very fine. We shall cut what logs we have on hand & sell the lumber. The news comes that Map P. is not yet confirmed. The majority of the best would be pleased if he is not

Yours Sincerely
Wm. S. Brawley

Rec'd Jan 21. 80

To Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington, D.C.

Office of
Juneau City Mining Record.
Frank T. Myers, Editor.
Juneau, Alaska.
Jan 4 — 1880

I have by this mail forwarded to the Bureau of Education vouchers but could only send one paper containing the adv't. I also send you a marked copy of the Record containing the first adv't of Proposals for which I have rendered a bill to the board last May but have not heard anything about it. The people of Douglas City are quite anxious about the school at that place. The house is completed & every thing appears to be in readiness & they cannot understand the delay. If you can advise me about the time it will be opened so I can publish it it will avoid many inquiries.

I see by dispatches that Pratt will be investigated by the Senate, I think he will be downed, or if so if you can do anything for me in the way of the deputyship here I will be very thankful as I will have to have some outside assistance to keep the Record going in proper shape

Yours etc
Frank T. Myers

IN SHIPPING ALL INDUSTRIES ARE UNITED.

AMERICAN SHIPPING AND INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE.
Office of the Secretary and Commissioners.
Washington, D.C. Jan. 7th,1890.

This is to certify that-
Dr. Sheldon Jackson, has been appointed a National Delegate to the Fourth Annual Convention of the American Shipping and Industrial League to be held at Willard's Hotel, Washington, D.C., Feby., 5th, 6th, 7th, next.

Joseph Wheeler,
President.

Chas. S. Hill,
Secretary and Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,
U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
Of Education in Alaska.

Territorial Board of Education,

Wrangell ~~Sitka~~, Alaska, January 8, 1890

My Dear Mutchler

Washington D. C.

Allow me to introduce to you Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. who has been an active Missionary in Alaska for twelve years past and who is a particular friend of mine.

Any Thing that you can do for him in the way of having Congress do something to assist the people of this territory will be thankfully acknowledged by all of us in this land of the Midnight Sun. Please make him acquainted with Mash and any other of our old friends; and oblige

Yours Truly

James Sheakley

District of Alaska,

U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

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Kadashan refused to give up the Indian girl that came down on the Ship Larkin, now co-

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lence Clothes or dress female Indian

40 & 42 Wall St
New York.

January 9, 1890.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Bureau of Education,

Department of Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have today sent to Doctor McLean, the passes for the transporttion of the box of bibles to Portland, Ore.

Yours truly,

Sam McLean

United States of America.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., January 9th, 1891.

Pursuant *to Section 882 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the annexed* is a true copy of the original on file in this Department.

In testimony whereof, *I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the Seal of the Department of the Interior to be affixed, the day and year first above written.*

John W. Noble.

Secretary of the Interior.

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The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz,
Treasurer.

Bethlehem, Pa., Janz. 10th 1890.

The Revd Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother

Your kind favor of the 7th ult. was duly received.

Since writing to you at Sitka, I have been in Washington and had a very satisfactory interview with Com. Harris, who I found to be a gentleman much interested in the Alaska work.

Upon examination, it was clearly shown that Com. Dawson had made a mistake in awarding us but $1000.— for our two Schools, and Mr Harris promised to rectify the matter, and had me to sign new vouchers while I was in Washington, according to which we are to receive $1000.— for each of our schools, as recommended by the Territorial Board.

As regards getting an allowance for our schools for the year 1888-1889, (for which we have received nothing) Mr Harris said it was too late — could not be done on account of the regulations of the U. S. Treasury.

If, nevertheless, you think that you could effect something for us while you are in Washington, we shall be very glad.

because we need funds badly, in order to put up more buildings to accomodate scholars whom now we are unfortunately forced to refuse for want of room.

I shall be happy to hear from you after your arrival in Washington, and, if you think that meeting with you there would be of any use, I shall most gladly come, and in any event would be required to meet with you again.

I will direct this to your Washington address, hoping you will find it there on your arrival.

With kindest wishes for a very happy year I am

Your Bro in Christ
Robt de Schweinitz

Creighton, Knox Co. Neb. Jan 15/90

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Washington, D.C.

My dear sir:—

I would have been in Washington some time since had it not been that my mother is very sick with rheumatism. She is 82 years of age, and I am afraid of it. If she is better by the middle of the week, will start out and see ~~you~~ you as soon as I arrive at the Capitol.

I hope your affairs are progressing finely, and that you are enjoying

the best of health.
Kind regards to Mrs.
Jackson and daughter.
Very truly yours,
Minerva Bruce

Secretary Dixon
Interior Dept.
Washington D.C.
Jan. 19th 1903

Dear Sir & Brother: I have no doubt that you will be much surprised at receiving this note from me as you may not even remember me, but I have a request to make of you which I hope you may find it possible to grant. As I am here upon a mission for the benefit of the Indians I am in need of your assistance to me.

There are always so many watching for everything that one has little chance of success unless first on the race. I hope if this finds you in town you can make it convenient to come over to Dr Sims office very soon and talk with him about it. As I was appointed from Idaho there is no Congressman to whom I have any right to apply. Sincerely Saml E. Rall.

I told Dr. Ames when he spoke to me of this affair that I knew of no one unless you could assist me and he said I might say to you that if you would come to Ware at the earliest opportunity that he would do any thing he could to assist in the matter. Of course if anything is to be done it must be done soon

I wrote a few minutes ago to a Lawyer
a year ago to a Lawyer
residing in Middle St. Queer
which he did. Consequently
I know I believe you have
since that time I have
been trying to get a per-
son on the permanent
well but have not yet
succeeded -
I have just heard of
a "Tramp printer" who
seems to be in your
time & says which I am
he also to get job & am
yet any reference is
to me

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Treasurer's Division
Interior Department
Washington D.C.
June 1, 1893

Dear Dr. Jackson, I have not doubt that you are well in much embarrassed at receiving this note from me as you may not even remember me, but I have a request to make of you which I know you will grant if possible to Secure for me your influence, as I am sure it will be of the greatest assistance to me.

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Ack
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Princeton N.J.
Jan 17/90 —

My dear Dr Jackson —

I have not heard from you in so long a time that I thought I would stir you up. Remembering the Alaskan Society and its earnest desire for mutual improvement I send you by this mail a circular of the liveliest educational movement now on foot in the east, together with my syllabus as a sample brick, & leave it for you to decide as to whether any of the plans proposed come within the scope of the Society. We are moving along here in fine order. President Patton is a great success as an organizer and an enthusiast fitted to inspire others to work & also with a great gift of tact in the management of "the boy". I will send you a copy of our catalogue when it

appears, We have reorganized on a new basis. Next fall I want to do some investigations in New Mexico & Arizona, Can you give me any "pointers". I know this is an old tramping ground of yours & should be much obliged if you could spare the time to give me your ideas as to the best localities for new work.

Please remember me most kindly to all my old friends at Sitka, I have not forgotten them and I read the Alaskan regularly, to gain the little scraps of information I can about them Please give my best wishes to the Vanderbilts, Dr Groff & Prof & Mrs Kelly.

Mrs Libbey joins me in the best wishes of the season to you & yours. & believe me

Yours very truly

William Libbey Jr.

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O. D. EATON, TREASURER.
BOX L, STATION D.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

DICTATED.

New York, Jan. 22, 1890.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your bill for coal reached us in due season and was approved by the Board the latter part of Oct. Until within thirty days we have been very short of money consequently I could not promptly respond. This much for delay in paying. I have the pleasure of herewith enclosing check on the Merchant's National Bank of this City to your order for $378.75 to cover your bill. I also enclose a check to your order for $200. the gift of the Second Church of Carlisle to be applied ~~on~~ to helping you out on the Laundry at Sitka, Alaska. Kindly send me an acknowledgment and oblige,

Yours, truly,

O. D. Eaton

Treasurer.

Pt. Essington T.
Jan 24/90.

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

Dear Sr Jackson

It is a long time since we heard from you. Was pleased to get by last mail Reports of Education &c. which included Alaska. Also we read with pleasure the letter of Hon. J. McDonald in the Toronto Globe, and his account of Schools & need of Homes &c in Alaska. All made us feel how much your work is like ours in Metlakahtla.

Our work is upon the whole encouraging as the numbers of the Coast Indians. It is more trying in our work among this people.

Our Girls Home is still doing good work. & we have just built one at Kincolith for boys.

Our Salmon-work is growing and we hope to do much good on those lines.

I am here just as a supply, till our Missionary Hopkins returns home. And when he returns, we shall move again, which will be the third time in one year.

We have had a very blessed work of grace among the people here this winter.

Should be pleased to hear from you.

Yours truly
J. Crosby.

Ack
Article Sent
Mar 24. 90

Woman's Temperance Publication Association.

THE UNION SIGNAL.

MARY ALLEN WEST, EDITOR. JULIA AMES, ASSOCIATE.

161 La Salle Street.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24. 1890

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;-

Dear Sir;-

Your partial promise to contribute an article to the Union Signal on the condition of immorality in Alaska has not been forgotten, and we would be glad to hear from you at an early date.

Yours cordially,

Mary Allen West.

(Per S.)

Rec'd. Jan 31. 90

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Washington, D.C., Jan. 7, 1890.

DEAR SIR:

Herewith please find an invitation to attend the Fourth Annual Convention of this League, the object of which is set forth therein.

We trust that you will attend or be represented upon this occasion in order to give encouragement to this great economic work.

Please address reply to the Secretary of the League.

I am, my dear sir,

Very respectfully yours,

JOSEPH WHEELER,
President.

OFFICIAL:

Chas. S. Hill

Secretary and Commissioner.

Hon J. W. Noble, Feb 1890
Sec of Interior

Sir

In behalf of and at the Special request of Hon Lyman E. Knapp Governor of the District of Alaska I have the honor to request that you ~~will~~ make application to the Secretary of the Navy to send the U.S.S. Thetis or some other suitable naval vessel on a cruise along the Coast of Alaska and that transportation be allowed on the same to Gov Knapp Dr Sheldon Jackson, ~~Gen~~ U.S. Gen Agt of Ed, Mr Ivan Petroff, U.S. Special Agt of 11th Census & such other government officials as the Governor may deem necessary. ~~for~~

The "Act providing ~~for~~ a Civil Government for Alaska" approved by the President May 17th 1884 ~~provides~~ Sec 2 directs that the Governor shall make an Annual Report to the ~~Secretary of the Interior~~ President of the U.S. on "the Condition of said district (Alaska) with reference to its resources

industries, population & the administration of the Civil ~~Gov'd~~ government thereof" ~~Sec II~~

There being no public conveyances ~~between~~ or other means of communication between the different sections of Alaska the only ~~possible~~ available method for the Governor to visit the several portions of that country, learn the needs thereof & promote the general welfare of the country is by means of a naval or Revenue Marine vessel -

In the summer of 1888 the U.S.S. Thetis was detailed by the Secretary of the Navy to convey Gov Swineford on such a tour of official inspection

To a much greater extent now, than then, the interests of the Government require such a trip.

A large amount of important legislation is coming before Congress for action relating to the welfare of that section such as the extension of the land laws - representation in Congress, the revision of the laws, the enlargement of the district Government, the preservation of the

large & valuable timber & fishing interests, — the unsettled boundary question between Alaska & Canada, and the fur & seal question in Bering Sea. All these questions are now pressing their claims upon the attention of the Administration and Congress — And both the Administration & Congress are looking to Gov Knapp for the information that will enable them to act intelligently.

But Gov Knapp has never seen but one small corner of Alaska & therefore can not answer intelligently. It is to enable him to visit the different portions of the territory & find out by actual & personal observation what is needed, ~~that the gov~~ and thus be able to give the information that the Government ~~needs~~ requires, that this request is made.

Again your ~~Ofc~~ Department is required to take the Census of Alaska this Summer — But it will be impossible for your Agent to get around & the work of the Census office accomplished without the as-

distance of a Naval vessel.

At no time in the history of Alaska has such a trip been so necessary as now.

I understand that the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of the Census will make similar requests to you in behalf of the work of their respective ~~departments~~ Bureaus.

Perhaps it may be found when you take the matter under consideration that ~~the~~ it will be more convenient for the Secretary of the Treasury to send a Revenue Marine Steamer on this errand. It would make no difference to the Governor, the main thing being some suitable vessel for the trip.

I remain with great respect
Yours Truly —
Sheldon Jackson

To Hon. J. N. Tolle
Secretary of the Interior

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
U.S. Bureau of Education,
Washington D.C.

Lockport, Ohio 2/3/90

WASHINGTON, D.C. RECD FEB 4 11 90

Dear Brother:

Yours rec'd. Let me know when, and will be ready to receive you. You need have no anxiety to tell about Alaska. Faithfully yours

W. H. Holman

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

February 5, 1890

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother:-

Enclosed please find letters from Dr. Coyner and your old friend Dr. Lindsley. When are you coming up here? We want to see you about the Saw Mill and about the new Home at Hydah and about Senator McDonald's plans and everything of that sort. When are you coming up?

Yours truly,

H. Kendall

Enclosure

Fort Wrangell, Alaska,
Feb. 5. 1890.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,
My Dear Brother,

We were sorry when we saw in the paper that you were taken sick on your way East. Hope you are well now, & that yourself & family arrived safely at your destination.

We are all well, & prospering in our field of labor.

Mrs MacKay would not leave home, &, so, I invited a doctor from Juneau - he is a stranger & seems to understand his business, although his personal appearance, & conduct as a man go against him.

Mrs MacKay was not sick yet, but will soon be. Hope she will get through all right. I wish you could secure a good christian doctor for us at this station. The Board of Home Missions refuses to do anything more for us at present, except what had been done. The Board will neither encourage us to build nor promise any aid toward a Home here, as it is going to concentrate all its energies, in this line, at Sitka.

You remember at our last meeting of Presbytery that it was voted Mrs MacKay was to have a salary of three hundred dollars a year. No word yet from the Board to that effect. — Dear Dr., as you are now in the midst of eastern influences, money, & high civilization, I wish you would do something for us at Wrangell, as you have done so much already in helping poor missionaries under present circumstances. I need a helping hand — I undertook too much in the improvements of the house & mission grounds with the funds I had — or rather, with no funds; &, so, I find myself heavily in debts — about one thousand dollars would make me a free man. I sent bills to the Board to the amt of five hundred, but I doubt it will be paid. — Try & get some

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generous friends to aid me under these circumstances, & I will try to sail clear of rocks & shoals in the future. If Mrs Mackay would get her Salary the two of us could pay these debts out of our own income. But the way we have to pay so high for everything we use, I cannot pay them as soon as I would wish.

Enclosed please find a report of our church work since the 1st of April last.

With Kind regards from us all,

I am

Yours in Bonds of Gospel Love & Labor,

Allan Mackay.

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ack -

The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz,
Treasurer.

Bethlehem, Pa., February 6 1890.

Revd Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

My Dear Brother,

I am indeed most sincerely thankful to you for your continued interest & efforts in behalf of our Alaska work. I have to day, in accordance with your excellent suggestions, addressed a letter to Dr W. T. Harris, appealing to him to grant us financial aid for our Alaska Schools for the year ending June 30 1889. I have made no allusion whatever to the fact that you had suggested such a course to me, but, can you not state to him that I had written to you & informed you of my appeal & begged you second my application?

I have just written to the Alaska Commercial Company to purchase for us nearly 2000 dollars worth of lumber & building materials, as our Board has authorized the erection of a second School house at Carmel. Hence

It is evident that we shall need all possible assistance from the Bureau of Education

Hoping that we may be successful through your kind aid, I am

Sincerely your Bro in H.

Robt de Schweinitz

Be Strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might. Eph. 6. 10.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

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Washington, D. C., Feby. 7. 1890

Rev Dr Jackson:

Dear Brother:

At eleven o'clock the day after I saw you we called on President Harrison & presented the enclosed letter, which was as definite as we could write under the circumstances. He treated us with the utmost courtesy but said "vague statements & beliefs would not do." That we must have definite extracts from letters of our members or missionaries, at Alaska, with names of drinking men who had been appointed

He said he must have these valuable statistics &c to meet the Oregon Senators who had nominated Pachin &c. He said if we could not furnish them in time, if such would come at any time after his confirmation, he would remove him, if he had sufficient cause. That he wanted good men in those positions & he had been instrumental in getting in a good governor &c.

She did not leave our letter on file, he brought it back as too indefinite & yet we believe our appeal would be remembered and have weight with other testimony in the President's mind. I do not see that Mrs Winans letter could help further now. It, too, is indefinite. Would be glad to hear from you. Sincerely, Sarah D. Lee Retta.

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Washington, D. C., January 30th 1890

Mr President —

We the representatives of the Womans Christian Temperance Union, feeling a deep interest in the welfare of the poor natives of Alaska, knowing much of their condition through our Missionary, Miss Jessie A. Ackerman, who spent many months in their midst organizing Temperance work, and trying to alleviate their suffering, are led to appeal to you in their behalf.

We learn with regret through a member of our organization at Sitka, that the nominee for Collector of Customs at Sitka Max Pracht, is in full sympathy

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with the liquor traffic, nearly all his appointees are well known drinking men, the result is that the smuggling, and sale of liquors are largely on the increase in the territory, thus creating a deplorable state of affairs.

We present our prayful protest against this confirmation, and appeal to you Mr President as a friend of Law, and order, and also of these poor and already degraded natives, to withdraw his name, to prevent confirmation.

Most Respt. Submitted

Mrs S. D. La Fetra Prest

Mrs W. E. Cohen Rec Sec

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

Confidential

New York, Feb. 10, 1890.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D. G.A.

Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr.Jackson:-

In response to yours of the 4th inst., I have the pleasur of herewith enclosing certificates in duplicate in the matter of my authority to indorse treasury warrants &c. I trust they will be satisfactory. Similar certificates are already on file in the Interior Department. I am pleased to know what you say about an additional appropriation for the stika School. I am very sorry the matter of sending John M. Coyner to Alaska is again on the carpet. I have information from sources that do not admit a doubt, that Coyner is an unfit man to send to Alaska or anywhere else. He is accused of being a liquor dealer when in Indiana. It seems to me there is ehough liquor being smuggled into Alaska now without any intervention on our part. Add to all this the fact that Coyner is an inveterate speculator. If you get him into the school at Sitka or elsewhere and he can lay his hands on any money he would at once commence to speculate, and you know the result. We cannot have such a man there and yet I fear there is a determination in the office to send him to Alaska. I shall fight it to the bitter end and I shall leave no stone unturned to defeat Coyner; he is a miserable scheming politician in addition to

to all his other ill qualifications, and he would at once take steps to oust you unless you were willing to endorse all his miserable schemes. Please regard this as confidential, but you do not want Coyner there or anywhere else.

With many kind regards to you and the members of your family I remain,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

AMERICAN SHIPPING AND INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE,
Office of the Secretary and Commissioner,
Washington, D.C. Feb.11th,1890.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
of Alaska,
Bureau of Education.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to advise that a Resolution of thanks to you was passed unanimously by the American Shipping & Industrial League for your eloquent and interesting remarks before that body at its recent Annual Convention held in this City.

I am, my dear sir, very respectfully yours,&c.

Chas. S. Hill,
Secretary & Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,
U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
Of Education in Alaska.

Territorial Board of Education,

Washington, D. C.
~~Sitka, Alaska,~~ Feb. 11, 1890

Dear Mr. Jackson

Mr. Porter ordered me this morning to furnish him with a written plan of operations in Alaska and I have been dictating all the forenoon. Mr. Minor W. Bruce called upon me last evening. It seems to be Mr. Porter and Mr. Garnett's idea to put "none but residents on guard" (if you will excuse the misquotation), but I will know more when we have discussed my plan, for which no time has yet been set. I like Mr. Bruce as far as one may judge from a single interview. Shall be at Census Office until 4 p. m.

Yours very truly
Ivan Petroff

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 12 "90

Dear Mr. Jackson

Could you help me out with the addresses necessary for requesting co-operation of religious bodies represented in Alaska? If you cannot send them to Census Office I will

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

call during luncheon hour.
My affairs are still unsettled.
It seems that before I can
make my pie I must
catch my rabbit — Mr. P
who is more like a certain
insect in this respect —

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

You can't put your finger on him. I called upon Sen. Platt yesterday at his request; he made me talk for an hour and a half and then said he thought Mr.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

had got hold of the right men. I met Elliott and will tell you about our meeting when I see you next.

Yours very truly
Ivan Petroff

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Sitka, Alaska, February 11th, 1890

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

My dear Sir:—

Enclosed I send you clipping from San Francisco paper which Mr Pracht thinks contains an uncalled for reflection upon him. I assured him that you appreciated his efficient action relative to the Sitka whisky smuggling and thought you must have had in mind the acts of other officers nearer the border, and suggested that most likely the language you used was not accurately reported. I wish you would reply in language such that I may show him your letter, if you think best.

Yours very truly

Lyman E Knapp

Jamaica
Feb 15-1890

Mr Jackson
Dear Sir.

The Missionary Society connected with our church is to have what is called an Indian Box-now and each member is given a tribe, about which they are to learn all they can and then tell it when the time comes. the tribe they have given me. is the Alaska Indians. and having been very much interested in

you work and in them I
finite to ask if you will
do me the favor to answer
this letter telling me something
of their mode and condition
any thing regarding the
walk of missionaries or
their peculiar customs
will be very acceptable
The Entertainment is to
be given the last Friday
in March. as will up
please answer as soon
as possible and oblige

Yours truly

Jennie L. Lane

Jamaica.

P. O. Box 15.

N. Y.

The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz,
Treasurer.

Bethlehem, Pa., Feby 14. 1890.

Revd Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Dear Brother

In reply to your favor of the 13th inst., proposing to our Church to take charge of certain contract schools to be established on the Arctic coast of Alaska, I beg to say, (after consultation with our Executive Board,) that while we see great and perhaps insurmountable difficulties in the way, we are yet not prepared at once to decline any such proposals, but of course, without further and more exact information, we are unable to give any definite reply. Hence we are very glad indeed that you have kindly expressed yourself willing to come to Bethlehem in order to confer with our Board & Mipz. Society, and we beg therefore that you will come on next Tuesday, as you suggest, and I shall be very happy indeed to have you stay with me at my home.

Please therefore advise me

The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz,
Treasurer.

Bethlehem, Pa., ... 18.

per letter, or, perhaps better, per telegraph (at my expense) when and by what route & train I may expect you, so that I can meet you at the Depot.

I am very happy to hear that Dr Harris has recommended the appropriation of $1000.— for each of our Schools for the period from 1888–89, and I do hope it will be granted, for we shall need funds badly.

Hoping soon to have your visit to me, I remain

Your Brother in Christ
Robt de Schweinitz

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53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 15, 1890

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Bureau Education, Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I herewith hand you a letter from C. E. Rogers, M. D., who has been appointed Marine Surgeon at Sitka, Alaska. Tell us what you think about his appointment as physician at our Hospital. If he is appointed I do not think he should receive more than $300 or $500 at the outside from this Board. What say you? Dr.Irvin knows the mans father very well and has very pleasant impressions of him, that is of the father. Kindly return the letter to me at your earliest convenience with any recommendations you may have to make.

At a conference held in Dec. it was resolved that I should write Mr. Kelly about a number of matters, especially about lumber. It was suggested, in view of our long conference with him last summer, that he could arrange to take the larger boys and some extra help if necessary and secure a large lot of logs and have Mr. Brady saw them on shares. He writes me under date of Jan. 20th as follows: "I suppose that you have learned of the Gov. Timber Agent has ordered Brady to close his Saw Mill. I saw the Agent, who said he would not interfere with the Mission Saw Mill unless he found them selling lumber. All our carpenter work is at

a stand-still for want of lumber" Then he goes on to say it would not cost any more to purchase fuel, coal, than it does to purchase lumber. We had a long conference with Mr. Kelly last summer and we thought we pumped him dry. This matter of timber and coal was all discussed, and if he wanted coal for the building, I cannot understand why he did not make his wants known then. I expedt Mr. Kelly is over-worked, but how he can expect us to have a bird's eye view of the situation at Sitka, when he writes us so little, passes the comprehension of us all. Mr. Kelly adds that Mr. Mc.Leod writes that he can saw all the lumber they need. Can we trust Mc.Leod with funds or anything else, and what have you to say about securing lumber from Hydah? What is the Timber Agent likely to say to that? I do not see how he can raise any objections, but who knows what they may do? Write me freely in regard to all these matters and believe me,

Yours very truly,

O. D. Earl

Treasurer.

Sitka, Alaska
Feb. 18th. 1890

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,
My dear friend:
I was very glad to hear from those who had letters from your wife and daughter [illegible] that you were all in good health and are now at the end [illegible]

Things here are progressing in the usual manner, nothing very new or startling. I continue fascinated and interested in my department and feel greatly encouraged in the [illegible]

[illegible] "It [illegible] upon a frozen foot" it does not seem to be an unparalleled success, at least in its rapidity. Little Grace died and was buried more than a week ago. Dora Dunn is ill with a [illegible] fever, [illegible] Mrs. Bailey does not [illegible] so far as [illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] order is clear

[illegible]

[illegible] a fair education and wishes to teach. She wished me to write you regarding the matter. She has had no experience in teaching and has had but a luxurious home and surroundings. She is bright and pretty and [illegible]. If you know of any one of the [illegible] S. B. Gray at Mobile [illegible].

[illegible] best wishes for your health and happiness [illegible]

Yours truly

[illegible]

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House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., February 19, 1890.

My Dear Sir:

I send you by this mail a copy of a bill I introduced for the purpose of establishing national aid to education, which was prepared on the plan proposed by a commission of fifteen prominent educators appointed at a national convention held in Louisville, Ky, in 1883.

I would be glad to have you examine this bill carefully and give me your opinion in regard to it at as early a day as possible.

Yours very truly,

J. D. Taylor

1890

Metlakahtla Alaska 21 Feb.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to find I have never fully answered your kind letter of 23 Dec. So many cares and anxieties press upon me when our people are at home that my letter writing is apt to get sadly in arrears.

I am reminded of your letter, however, by the fact that I have our School Reports to send you for the two last months. These I have made out and will enclose them herewith.

Since sending you my last reports we have experienced unusually severe weather which has somewhat diminished our School attendance; and during the last two weeks, we have had so much sickness in the village, that I have been obliged to suspend school operations altogether. The epidemic, for such it is, has entered every house and in some instances has prostrated every member of the family at the same time. The sickness has not yet abated, but the high winds have ceased, and so we hope

we are now over the worst. To the present I am thankful to say we have had no fatal cases, - but I fear some few of the weakest will hardly recover. Among st these is poor Thomas Eaton.

The severe weather has prevented me, too, from commencing our Boys' Home as I intended. I have had an Industrial Teacher, (carpenter, furniture maker, and rail-builder), engaged for the Boys on six weeks, and fully hoped, ere this, to have had our 'Home' in full operation. It is now only a matter of a few days, I hope, when I shall have the boys in charge, & also commence, in right earnest, to build our Girls' Home.

In your last letter you kindly prompted me to write you about two or three Matters affecting our progress. The first is our lack of Mail Service. At present the irregular manner in which we get and despatch our letters, is not only distressing to us, but a serious weight upon our business prospects. We are now commencing a Salmon Cannery, but how we shall be able successfully

to keep our work going on, without being able to correspond in due course with our agents, I cannot at present see. We cannot afford however to wait, but must face the losses and drawbacks which will undoubtedly ensue.

What is very galling is the fact, that the steamer which brings our freight (we chose every month) has our Skail Matter on board, but cannot deliver it to us. Our letters have to be carried to Loring a Salmon Canning establishment about 35 miles from here, and with which place we have no means of communication but by canoe. Often enough therefore ~~the~~ letters, which ~~should~~ have reached our place in due course, are not actually to hand till weeks of delay have elapsed!

Another Matter in which I trust you may be able to help us is to obtain a settlement of the account due our men for seizing two smugglers, and their liquor, and for attending to a case of murder over a year ago. This account has been written out ~~and approved~~ three times. It was approved by Judge Keating and the District Attorney (Mr. Grant), & signed by both of them, and then forwarded through the Marshal

to Washington. Our men are constantly coming to me with questions about the matter, and I feel ashamed to think that such good service as they rendered the Country under very trying circumstances, and at great risk of life, should be so ill rewarded. Even the man who provided food for the prisoners (about three weeks) has not been paid, and money advanced for fares to guards who took the prisoners to Sitka, has not been refunded.

Next as to Citizenship. I have lately received a letter from our friend Senator Dawes in which this subject is brought forward, and which has led me to write a letter to Thos. N. Strong in Portland our legal adviser & friend. I hope the same Government Officer (I have proposed Governor Knapp or the District Attorney) will be appointed or directed to visit our settlements, at a time when our people are at home, and have the business of Citizenship settled as soon as possible.

I lately forwarded a letter to the Board of Education Sitka enclosing Vouchers sent me from Washington for approval. A similar letter, also containing Vouchers, I forwarded last December, but which has no doubt been delayed & I have as yet no response to it. With kind regards

Believe me yours very sincerely

W. Duncan.

District of Alaska,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Sitka, February 22d, 1890

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

My dear Sir:—

Yours at hand. I send the C.W. Young vouchers duly endorsed. Also send Alaska Commercial Co. contracts duly executed. After careful inquiry Judge Bugbee and I came to the conclusion that it would be better to order the patent seats for Douglas Island School house and took the responsibility of doing so. I hope you will approve. The furniture will be up on the next steamer. We also directed Mr Young to build water closet and coal shed, and told Mrs Adams to commence school as soon as everything

is in readiness.

I am glad to learn of your arrival in Washington and of your recovery.

I hope you may be able to do something to help along our much desired legislation and especially to secure the mail to the westward. I wish Postmaster General Wanamaker might see his way clear to close the contract in time for this season. I sent him a statement of what Louis Schloss & Co. offered.

I hope you will keep me posted as to Alaskan matters.

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Yours sincerely Lyman E. Knapp

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Yours sincerely Lyman E. Knapp

Metlakahtla 27 Feb. 1890

Dear Dr. Jackson

Your letter of the 21st Jan was only to hand yesterday – a specimen of the delay we are now experiencing in Mail matters. I also received the Draft on the U.S. Treasury to which you allude in your letter.

The three Vouchers you kindly sent me to cover my account as a Member of School Board please find herewith enclosed and duly signed. Also the Steamship Company's receipt for my fare to Sit-ka and back on School Board business in January 1889. I am very sorry I have overlooked the forwarding of the account ~~before~~ in due course, but I kept deferring the matter till I should again visit Sit-ka. Several times last year, in obedience to the call of the President of the School Board I had arranged to leave for Sit-ka, but was, on each occasion, disappointed by the Steamers movements.

How much I have to expect for services as Member of the Board I cannot tell. For though I was appointed in 1888 I have only been

here to Sitka on School Board business, and I have already received salary, fifty dollars, for the first quarter, ending Sept 1885; and also the Steamer charge for my passage on the first trip has been refunded me.

I thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Bill now before Congress for securing Annette Island for our people. I see it only asks for it as a Reservation, while our people are anxious for individual ownership of land they occupy and improve. They greatly object to holding land in common. Perhaps our friend, the Hon B. H. Cutcheon, is seeking first — the land for the Community as a whole, and leave it for further legislative action to allot the land in severalty.

I wrote you some days ago informing you that I had written a letter to our friend Mr Strong of Portland, in obedience to the request of Senator Dawes, on the subject of land titles, Citizenship, and municipal authority for our people. I wonder if Gen. Cutcheon has seen Senator Dawes? I sent the General a copy of our last little Bethel Bulletin from which he would learn the fact the Senator Dawes & other Senators had been here.

Through the treatment we are experiencing in Mail Matters My letters to Mr Strong and Senator Dawson are deemed to be a long time on the way. These letters, and many others, I wrote in the early part of this Month, are still on hand, as the two last Steamers past Tongass Narrows without picking up the Mail.

Having lately decided to commence a Salmon Canning for our people I am anxious to send one of our boats to Portland to procure the requisite outfit as soon as possible. In order the man might be sure to catch the Steamer I sent off a boat with him to reach Tongass Narrows a day or two before the Steamer was likely to return. He and his crew left us last Monday & returned on Thursday, with the information that the Steamer had passed Tongass Narrows in the Morning, and though he managed to get along side while she kept running, he was refused a passage, nor would the Officer take the bundle of important letters he was ready to hand up to him. Such disappointments in despatching letters as we are now experiencing is a very serious drawback to business Enterprise.

I note what you say about the Commissioner's Report for 1888-9 which is just out. I supposed before long I shall be favored with a copy of it, and then I will write you in regard to any matter on which I find I have been misrepresented. In the mean time, I would say while we feel we have a good work in hand and are doing the best we can, we need not fear the adverse criticism of the world. Our duty is to go right on, making sure that what we do is pleasing to God and all will be well in the end. If we are doing right those who fight us are fighting on the wrong side, and if we are doing wrong we should not expect to be told of it even by an enemy.

While busy writing this letter the Steamer Eddy, on her way north, arrives with some freight for us, and we may hope to get all our letters to the Cursor I find I have by mistake, given him the envelope containing a letter I had sealed the Directions &c, and into which this letter was to go.

Yours very sincerely
J. Duncan

Ans

Asheville N.C. Feb 22/90

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Dr. — Are you there? I heard some weeks ago that you were in Washington. I passed this; two weeks ago but could not stop. Now I expect to be in Washington Feb 28 or Mar 1st & will spend a day or two & I would like to see you — for two reasons

(1) Because I want to see you & say how dry & cateh y I can a spark of your enthusiasm &c &c

(2) Maybe you could tell how to see the sights of W. to the best advantage in the briefest time and cheap

(3) Maybe you could tell me a decent hotel at which I could stay two days without having to leave my watch & clothes at Rockwell's ~~[illegible]~~ N.C.

Well adieu. Yours most truly

C. H. Parks

The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz,
Treasurer.

Bethlehem, Pa., February 22d 1890

Rev Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother,

I am not able to day to report to you, either officially or otherwise, any definite result of the meeting of our Board last night, but I presume you will wish to know what was done. — The establishment of the proposed schools on the Arctic Coast of Alaska was very seriously and prayerfully discussed by the Board, but as a great want of unanimity among the members was very evident, it seemed best in the end to again postpone the final decision, and another meeting for this purpose is to be held next Monday. So much, however, is quite evident to me, that the Board will not think of undertaking the establishment of more than one school at most, and unless a greater approach to unanimity can be reached, even that seems somewhat doubtful. My private opinion is that the chief difficulty in the minds of many, is the shortness of the time & that the whole project has to be hurried so greatly. If the undertaking could be postponed until another season, and possibly, (as was done in

the former case,) an explorer could be sent out this summer & he then report on the real situation, — then the thing could easily be accomplished.

You understand of course what I write to you is not official, but merely for your personal information

Hoping to write more positively next week I remain

Very sincerely your Brother in Christ

Robert Schweinitz

Ans
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Industrial Training School
Sitka, Alaska
Feb. 22, 1890

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,-

Steamer was a week late and arrived this morning.

January issue of North Star goes this issue. I delayed it hoping to hear from you about the paper. paper of an inferior quality from Mr. Kennedy.

Did you know you took all the paper with you?

Are there any cuts or what are your plans regarding the publishing of the paper?

The next steamer is due in a week in the interim I will write you.

Very truly yours,

Office of
JOHN G. HEID,
Attorney at Law.

Juneau, Alaska, Feby 23 1890

Sheldon Jackson Esq
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir,

Inclosed please find vouchers; I have no bill to present, the expense is virtually nothing. Mr. Edwards and I attended to the matter of the school building as you directed.

When the Governor was here, last month, he and Judge Brughee inspected the school building in Douglas City, and in my presence expressed themselves as being well pleased with it. I think everything in connection with this matter will be satisfactory.

Mrs. Heid wishes to be remembered.

Respectfully

J. G. Heid

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. 25, 1890.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
Gen. Agent of Education for Alaska,
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your "Preliminary Report" on the "Introduction of Reindeer into Alaska", and to thank you for sending it to me.

Yours faithfully
T. C. Mendenhall

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PORTLAND, OREGON, Feby 25 1890

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to your favor of Feby. 8th we beg herewith to send you vouchers for the supplies ordered for Mrs. W.S. Adams, teacher at Douglass City, Alaska. We will take up the Edwin Marsdon matter at once and see if we can find any suitable place for him in Portland. We have excellent business colleges here also have a good Presbyterian Academy under the auspices of Dr. J.R. Wilson and Prof. Johnson two noble presbyterians, who are conducting a very successful school here.

Respt Yours,

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SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
Of Education in Alaska

Territorial Board of Education,

Wrangell ~~Sitka~~, Alaska, Feb. 25, 1890

My Beloved and Dear Friend

Your letter of January 25 came to hand Feb. 17th. We were all very much pleased to learn that you had arrived safely in Washington D.C. as we had seen in the San Francisco papers that you were lying sick in that city.

I do not think that Mr Chamberlain's influence had any thing to do with the matter of your getting my name in the morning news as the Lunchers He usurps all the liquid food in the neighborhood himself. I return to you the Lunchers with my name in the proper place: please forward my commission and instructions for the Sitka Work Lunchers

Did you employ any one to teach the School at Kennwick I am afraid that Mr Frazer did not accept the position; since I became acquainted with him I find that he is an old Rebrobate of the Tom Paine School and not fit for any position whatever.

Mr Gould is here on his way to Sitka to spend two weeks there when he expects to go East and be present at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Saratoga. Mr Mckay has taken into the house mistake that Mr and Mrs Young died in reference to a House for Indian Children. Judging by results the House has not been a success in Wrangell but has and will prove to be a milestone around the neck of the Testimonies who undertook to Convert me. Mr Hillmon is well and is the best missionary in the place he is a good Officer as well. We will try and send a few more young girls up to the Sitka Training School in the Spring. This Winter has been very Cold, no Sol for three months

I had been thinking of some plan or way to introduce myself to the new Commissioner of Education at Washington when I read a very kind & most flattering paragraph in the paper saying that he was my old friend Mr. J. Butler of Illinois. I was pleased to see that he had not entirely unceremoniously with myself. In which I take it is fortunate for us all. He is undoubtedly a good man and will make a good Commissioner of Education. There could not be a better.

Mrs Shepherd wishes to be remembered to yourself and family and thus you kindly, if you have occasion of remembrance remember me to Mrs Dodson and daughter. I am

Very truly, your friend

James Shepherd

The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz,
Treasurer.

Bethlehem, Pa., Febry. 25. 1890.

Revd. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother,

It is with no little regret that I report to you the result of the deliberations of our Board of Missions, in respect to the proposition of the Hon. Commissioner of Education to establish and take charge of certain government Schools on the extreme northern coast of Alaska. I am commissioned to say to you, that, whilst the Board very highly appreciates the confidence shown our Church, by the liberal offer of the Commissioner, we feel, that our small Church is, at the present time, entirely too weak both in men and means, to undertake this new work, and therefore, very reluctantly, must decline the proposition made us. It has not been without a considerable struggle that the Board has reached this conclusion, but it is convinced that the support & enlargement of the work we now have in Alaska, — (especially in view of the establishment of a new station at Pogiak,) — is as much as with our

The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz,
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limited strength, we shall be able to maintain.

As my individual opinion, I beg still to remark, that, if there had been more time, & an opportunity could thus have been afforded to examine more thoroughly into the situation & prospects of the proposed new stations, — a different result might have been reached.

With kindest regards from the members of our Board, & especially from myself,

I am sincerely your Brother in Christ,

Robt. de Schweinitz

Hatfield, Mass. Feb. 26.
1890

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir,

With many thanks for the help you have given me, I send, by this mail, two books of missionary exercises, the "Missionary Band Meeting" which may be of interest, as so much of it is about Alaska, though I do not say as much about the beginning of mission work there, as in my lecture on Alaska. There is nothing denominational about the larger book, and I presume other Christian people would like it, if they knew about it.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. M. C. Alger.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Rev. Shelden Jackson.
Carlisle,
Penn.

125 S. Hanover St.

Feb 26. 1890

Dr. Jackson -

Thank you for the pamphlets which reached me in due time, containing information in regard to Alaska -

When you next

Come to Chicago, It will give us great pleasure to have you call at the "Ontario" Corner Ontario & N. State Streets.

Yours Sincerely

Annie Williams

Chicago
Feb. 26th 1890

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Dictated *53 Fifth Avenue, New York,* Feb 26th, 1890

Dr Sheldon, Jackson,

Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have been much too busy to write you earlier thanking you for your kind compliance with my request in an artidle on Alaska; your considerate promptness was a great relief as I am often seriously embarassed in securing material even when ample time has been given the writer, while in your case only the briefest possible warning was given of my desire; I am therefore the more obliged for your kindness.

I wish to write you making some inquiries about Miss Kelsey. She has been now for quite a number of years, as you well know in our service, and our ladies have thought that it might be well to invite her to come on attending the Annual meeting in May at Saratoga and by the change from her field and the respite from her accustomed duties, it is hoped that her strength may be increased and her spirits brightened. Some intimation of this was given Miss Kelsey . She replies that she would enjoy the visit exceedingly but that she is in no wise disconted because others have had the

opportunity and that she is quite willing to remain at her post or come East as shall be deemed best by the Committee. She says however that she cannot aid us she fears in addressing societies as she is not a speaker. Making due allowance for her natural modesty, it was thought best to inquire of you what effect you supposed she might be able to produce in presenting the cause of Alaskan Missions.

I know from what you have told me, that in personal appearance she is most acceptable. Do you think that she would be interesting and acceptable as a speaker? Of course I do not mean by this anything more in results than would ordinarily be accomplished by the presentation of the cause by a mission teacher. It is not eloquence that we want, but facts pleasantly and impressively presented.

Another matter. You will recall the legacy which has been given the Woman's Ex. Com for the erection of a Home for the physician in charge of the hospital at Sitka. This money is now in our Treasury but as we have no resident physician we find that there is reluctance to apply it to that purpose. Kindly advise me at once on this point, and if there is some other object to which it can be applied which will give greater relief to our mission station, let me know. I fear the Board will not consent to the erection of this home unless there should be greater necessity for it than appears at present. Is it not more needed in other ways or for some building? Trusting that I will have an early and full reply and with kindest regards to Mrs Jackson,

Sincerely
A. S. Finch